



BOARD BRIEFING

An Update from the GCPS Public Relations Office



Public Session 10/10/23

Recognitions

- National School Lunch Week – October 9-13, 2023: Mr. Jason VanSickle presented a proclamation to Mr. Scott Germain, Supervisor of Food & Nutrition Services in recognition of this week.



- National School Bus Safety Week – October 16-20, 2023: Mr. Cody Brill presented a proclamation to Mr. Ronald Bray, Transportation Manager, along with Robbie Biser and Craig Evans, school bus contractors, to celebrate this week.



- National Custodian Day – October 2, 2023: Mr. Rodney Glotfelty presented a proclamation to Mr. Larry Carr, Manager of Operations and Building Inspector, along with George Tichinel, John Wolfe, Jim

Magruder, and Doug Miller, school custodians representing four separate schools, in honor of this day.



Policies and Procedures

- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, presented the revised CAA Administrative and Supervisory Staff Evaluation Policy and Procedure to the Board for their review. She also recommended the Board retire GJA Teacher Visitation Policy and Procedure. There were no questions about either policy from the Board and no action was taken on either item as it was a first read.
- Dr. Jane Wildesen, Director of Human Resources, presented the revised GAAP Evaluation of Supporting Services Personnel Policy and Procedure to the Board for their review. No questions were asked by the Board and no action was taken as this was a first read.
- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, recommended the Board retire FEDAA Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services Policy and Procedure. She also recommended the Board retire the EFAA Bidding on Food and Food Supplies Used in County Food Service Program Policy and separately recommended the retirement of DNA Disposal of Surplus and

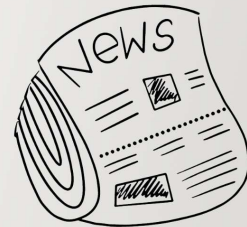
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Obsolete Property Procedure. No action was taken as this was a first read.

Board member Mr. Jason VanSickle added that he and Mr. Glotfelty sit on the Policy & Procedure Committee and that these policies had been through lengthy discussions during those meetings.

Continuing Business

- Mr. Richard Wesolowski, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, requested Board approval of the FY2024-2030 Capital Improvement Plan. He explained various changes throughout the plan. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the CIP Plan FY2024-30 as presented. Mr. Wesolowski answered a question from the Board. The Board voted 3-2 to approve the plan.
- Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer, recommended the Board adopt the proposed 23-24 Virtual Learning Plan. She presented data from the stakeholder survey. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the Virtual Learning Plan as presented. Dr. Miller answered questions from the Board, along with Dr. Chelsie Manges, Director of Special Education. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Virtual Learning Plan.
- Mr. Wesolowski updated the Board regarding the Southern Elementary School project. He presented updated schematics for the site. He answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment

- Mrs. Jes Brown addressed the Board on behalf of the Accident Elementary PTO. She

invited the Board to the Fall Fun Festival at the school occurring on Friday, October 20, 2023, 5:30-8:30 p.m. She elaborated on the activities that will be occurring and the intended use of the funds raised.

New Business

- Mr. Paul Edwards, Director of Secondary Education, updated the Board on Dual Enrollment as it is required by the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. He explained various updates, including an overview of requirements, enrollment, and what the programs look like for Frostburg State University and Garrett College. Ms. Hailey Wildesen, GCPS Student Member of the Board, spoke about her experience in the Bobcat Academy. Mr. Edwards indicated that overall 49% of GCPS upperclassmen are enrolled in dual enrollment classes.
- Mr. Richard Wesolowski provided the Board with a draft of the 2023-24 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. He received a comment from the Board. No action was taken on this matter as it was a first read.
- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer requested Board approval of the FY2023 Financial Statements and Single Audit Results. A presentation of the audit results is available on our [YouTube page](#). She responded to questions from the Board. Dr. McCartney recommended approval of the audit results. The Board voted unanimously to approve the results. Mrs. Sweitzer also provided an overview of the FY2025 Budget Process. This included a timeline and projected revenue estimates. She answered questions from the Board. This was an informational update and therefore, no action was taken.

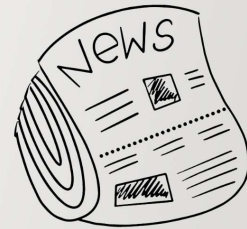
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Student Member of the Board

Ms. Hailey Wildesen, the Student Member of the Board (SMOB), shared the following updates:

GCASC Business:

- The Executive Board met on September 19th to plan the first General Assembly for the year & discuss potential fundraisers.
- The first General Assembly will occur on October 11th, at Garrett College with two workshops, a food drive service project, discussion groups, and more.

General Student Updates:

- Southern Garrett's Marching Band placed 1st at the Allegany Band Tournament on Saturday, October 7, 2023.
- Northern Garrett High held their Homecoming game. They won 55-0. They also hosted their Homecoming dance.
- Northern Garrett High's FFA & Theater will host a haunted hayride event on October 12th at NGHS.
- Southern Garrett Middle School's 6th-grade class raised over \$3400 at their walk-a-thon for Broken Roads Associates, a local nonprofit that supports infants and caregivers in the NICU.
- Southern Garrett Middle also held their Back-to-School Tailgate/Dance Party for students on September 23rd.
- Northern Middle School STARS class made fall treats for the residents at Cherry Hill Assisted Living.

Mr. Woods indicated that funds from a nationwide lawsuit would be given to the

GCASC to use to aid vaping prevention within GCPS.

Board Member Updates

- Mr. Rodney Glotfelty and others attended the MABE Conference in Annapolis. He shared a story from the event. He enjoyed networking at the conference.
- Mr. Tom Woods indicated he attended the Swan Meadow School Harvest Sale. He also stated that the event was well attended.

Superintendent Updates

Dr. McCartney shared the following update:

- She shared the GCPS 2023-24 Annual Report. She indicated that she would be happy to speak to civic groups regarding this as it pertains to the school system.

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The location of the meeting and agenda will be announced ahead of time.

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